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SUBJECT: SYRIAN ACCESSION PROTOCOLS EXTENDING WHEAT TRADE
CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT, 1971

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1. WE WISH TO CLARIFY CERTAIN POINTS IN REFTEL CONCERN-
ING SYRIAN REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION IN WHICH TO DEPOSIT
ITS INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO PROTOCOL(S) EXTENDING 1971
WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION.

A. THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWO SUCH PROTOCOLS: (1) PROTO-
COL FOR EXTENSION (TO JUNE 30, 1975) OF WHEAT TRADE
CONVENTION, WHICH WAS CONCLUDED AT LONDON FEBRUARY 22,
1974, OPEN FOR SIGNATURE AT WASHINGTON APRIL 2-22, 1974,
AND WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1975; AND (2) PROTOCOL FOR
FURTHER EXTENSION (TO JUNE 30, 1976) OF WHEAT TRADE CON-
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VENTION, WHICH WAS CONCLUDED AT LONDON FEBRUARY 14, 1975,

OPEN FOR SIGNATURE AT WASHINGTON MARCH 25-APRIL 14, 1975, AND WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1976.

B. USG IS DEPOSITARY FOR SIGNED ORIGINAL OX BOTH PROTOCOLS, FOR DECLARATIONS OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND

INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION, INTER ALIA. ACCORDINGLY, INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION SHOULD BE FORWARDED DEPARTMENT FOR DEPOSIT USG, NOT TO INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL IN LONDON.

C. ONLY INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL HAS AUTHORITY UNDER PROTOCOLS TO GRANT EXTENSIONS OF TIME NEEDED FOR DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS ACCESSION AFTER DATES STIPULATED IN PROTOCOLS (JUNE 18, 1974, AND JUNE 18, 1975, RESPECTIVELY). WE ARE INFORMED COUNCIL HAS GRANTED SUCH EXTENSION TO SYRIA, TO JUNE 30, 1975, FOR DEPOSIT ITS ACCESSION TO 1974 (REPEAT 1974) PROTOCOL. NO TIME EXTENSIONS HAVE YET BEEN GRANTED REGARDING 1975 PROTOCOL, BUT MATTER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT IWC MEETING EARLY JULY.

2. WE HAVE ACCEPTED SARG MFA NOTE OF JUNE 16, 1975 (PARA 2, REFTTEL) AS DECLARATION OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF 1975 (REPEAT 1975) PROTOCOL. IWC HAS BEEN SO INFORMED. UNDER ARTICLE 8 THAT PROTOCOL, ANY GOVERNMENT DEPOSITING SUCH DECLARATION SHALL PROVISIONALLY APPLY THE PROTOCOL AND BE PROVISIONALLY REGARDED AS A PARTY THERETO.

3. SARG DECLARATION SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY DEPOSIT WITH USG OF INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO 1975 PROTOCOL. SARG SHOULD ASK IWC FOR TIME EXTENSION OF AS MANY MONTHS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY, IN WHICH TO COMPLETE AND DEPOSIT SUCH INSTRUMENT. SEE ARTICLE 7 OF PROTOCOL.

4. PLEASE INFORM SARG OF FOREGOING AND CONFIRM THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING (AS STATED PARA 2 ABOVE) OF ITS INTENTIONS CORRECT. KISSINGER

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